

Public Comment
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As the 2020 Census National Partnership Program transitions to the Office of Strategic Alliances (OSA), North Carolina Asian Americans Together (NCAAT) hopes that there will be continued investment into the American Community Survey. Disaggregated data from the ACS is critical to Asian American populations in North Carolina and across the country. Asian Americans are the fastest growing racial demographic in our state and are an incredibly diverse population, speaking more than 40 distinct languages.

North Carolina Asian Americans Together (NCAAT) was founded to help provide a voice for the pan-Asian communities in the state. Over the course of our work, we've seen community members face challenges from language justice to health access, which have been exacerbated by the model minority myth and lack of attention to disaggregated data. This includes disparity in our state's investment in initial outreach to Asian American communities regarding the COVID-19 vaccines. The ACS has been one of the only disaggregated sources of information we can use to both help reach the underserved and advocate for our communities in an equitable way. We hope that you will continue to fund this important and crucial effort that brings visibility to our communities.

Thank you for your time and commitment to invest in the American Community Survey.